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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

February 5, 2015

Immediately Upon Adjournment of the House of Representatives

Room 516 - Blatt Building

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MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings.
- II. The House Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in Room 516 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The Committee met immediately upon adjournment of the House. Chairman Newton made brief welcoming remarks and general announcements. All Members were present for the meeting.
- III. The Committee heard a presentation from State Inspector General Patrick Maley. State Inspector General Patrick Maley answered questions from Members.
- IV. The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Frank Rainwater, Executive Director of the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Mr. Les Boles was also in attendance at the meeting from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

- V. The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Richard H. Gilbert Jr., CPA, Interim State Auditor. Mr. Gilbert answered questions from Members.
- VI. The Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Marcia A. Lindsay, Deputy Director of the South Carolina General Assembly Legislative Audit Council. Ms. Lindsay answered questions from Members.
- VII. The Committee discussed further organizational matters, including Committee minutes.

Chairman Newton submitted proposed minutes from the Committee’s two previous meetings, December 15, 2014 and January 7, 2015. First Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk noted a scrivener’s error in the minutes. Representative Joseph H. Jefferson Jr. moved to approve the minutes, with the scrivener’s error correction, by acclamation. Chairman Newton noted that any vote by acclamation or any unanimous consent vote would be recorded as a “yea” vote for each Member present.

| Rep. Jefferson’s Motion to Approve the Minutes, with a Scrivener’s Error Correction, from the Committee’s two previous meetings, December 15, 2014 and January 7, 2015, by Acclamation | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nathan Ballentine | Yea | | |
| 2. William K. “Bill” Bowers | Yea | | |
| 3. Gary E. Clary | Yea | | |
| 4. Raye Felder | Yea | | |
| 5. Kirkman Finlay, III | Yea | | |
| 6. Laurie Slade Funderburk | Yea | | |
| 7. Phyllis Henderson | Yea | | |
| 8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 9. Mia S. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 10. Walton J. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 11. Ralph W. Norman | Yea | | |
| 12. Joshua A. Putnam | | | (Not Present) |
| 13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III | Yea | | |
| 14. Samuel Rivers, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 15. James E. Smith, Jr. | | | (Not Present) |
| 16. Tommy M. Stringer | Yea | | |
| 17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon | Yea | | |
| 18. Bill Taylor | Yea | | |
| 19. Robert Q. Williams | Yea | | |
| 20. Wm. Weston J. Newton | Yea | | |

- VIII. The Committee further discussed organizational matters, including changing the priority for legislative oversight and investigation for the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee.

Chairman Newton noted for the Committee that the following five State agencies were scheduled for review in 2015, as published in the House Journal on January 13, 2015: Comptroller

General’s Office (Executive Subcommittee), Department of Consumer Affairs (Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee), First Steps to School Readiness (Education and Cultural Subcommittee), Department of Juvenile Justice (Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee), and Department of Social Services (Healthcare Subcommittee). Chairman Newton further noted that these agencies were listed in alphabetical order in the House Journal, and the House Journal did not establish a priority or order for these agencies.

Chairman Newton noted that roads are a pressing concern for many constituents. Representative Ralph W. Norman made a motion to change the priority for the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee as stated by Chairman Newton from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the Department of Transportation. Representative Robert Q. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

| Rep. Norman’s Motion to Change the Priority for the Economic Development, Natural Resources, Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the Department of Transportation | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|--|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nathan Ballentine | Yea | | |
| 2. William K. “Bill” Bowers | Yea | | |
| 3. Gary E. Clary | Yea | | |
| 4. Raye Felder | Yea | | |
| 5. Kirkman Finlay, III | Yea | | |
| 6. Laurie Slade Funderburk | Yea | | |
| 7. Phyllis Henderson | Yea | | |
| 8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 9. Mia S. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 10. Walton J. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 11. Ralph W. Norman | Yea | | |
| 12. Joshua A. Putnam | | | (Not Present) |
| 13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III | Yea | | |
| 14. Samuel Rivers, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 15. James E. Smith, Jr. | | | (Not Present) |
| 16. Tommy M. Stringer | Yea | | |
| 17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon | Yea | | |
| 18. Bill Taylor | Yea | | |
| 19. Robert Q. Williams | Yea | | |
| 20. Wm. Weston J. Newton | Yea | | |

IX. The Committee further discussed organizational matters, including standard practices for the Committee.

Committee Rule 7.1 authorizes the Committee to develop and adhere to standard practices. Chairman Newton recognized Ms. Jennifer Dobson to provide a brief overview of suggested standard practices for the committee. Chairman Newton noted that while Committee Rule 7.1 provides that standard practices do not need approval by the full Committee, he requested that the Committee approve the standard practices. The standard practices were approved by unanimous consent.

| Unanimous Consent Motion to Approve Committee Standard Practices | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nathan Ballentine | Yea | | |
| 2. William K. "Bill" Bowers | Yea | | |
| 3. Gary E. Clary | Yea | | |
| 4. Raye Felder | Yea | | |
| 5. Kirkman Finlay, III | Yea | | |
| 6. Laurie Slade Funderburk | Yea | | |
| 7. Phyllis Henderson | Yea | | |
| 8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 9. Mia S. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 10. Walton J. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 11. Ralph W. Norman | Yea | | |
| 12. Joshua A. Putnam | | | (Not Present) |
| 13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III | Yea | | |
| 14. Samuel Rivers, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 15. James E. Smith, Jr. | | | (Not Present) |
| 16. Tommy M. Stringer | Yea | | |
| 17. Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon | Yea | | |
| 18. Bill Taylor | Yea | | |
| 19. Robert Q. Williams | Yea | | |
| 20. Wm. Weston J. Newton | Yea | | |

- X. The Committee further discussed organizational matters, including establishing a priority or order for the legislative oversight studies and investigations scheduled for review in 2015.

Chairman Newton submitted a proposal to establish the following priority or order of the legislative oversight studies and investigations: (1) Comptroller General's Office (Executive Subcommittee), (2) Department of Transportation (Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee) (3) First Steps for School Readiness (Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee), (4) Department of Social Services (Healthcare), and (5) Department of Juvenile Justice (Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee). The Committee discussed this order, and during this discussion Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr. offered, but subsequently held a motion to change the priority of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Public Safety. Representative Kirkman Finlay III made a motion to approve the order for the legislative oversight studies and investigations as stated by Chairman Newton by

acclamation. Representative Norman seconded this motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

| Rep. Finlay’s Motion to Adopt the Following Order for Legislative Oversight Studies and Investigations by acclamation: (1) Comptroller General’s Office, (2) Department of Transportation, (3) First Steps for School Readiness, (4) Department of Social Services, and (5) Department of Juvenile Justice | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nathan Ballentine | Yea | | |
| 2. William K. “Bill” Bowers | Yea | | |
| 3. Gary E. Clary | Yea | | |
| 4. Raye Felder | Yea | | |
| 5. Kirkman Finlay, III | Yea | | |
| 6. Laurie Slade Funderburk | Yea | | |
| 7. Phyllis Henderson | | | (Not Present) |
| 8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 9. Mia S. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 10. Walton J. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 11. Ralph W. Norman | Yea | | |
| 12. Joshua A. Putnam | Yea | | |
| 13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III | Yea | | |
| 14. Samuel Rivers, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 15. James E. Smith, Jr. | | | (Not Present) |
| 16. Tommy M. Stringer | Yea | | |
| 17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon | Yea | | |
| 18. Bill Taylor | Yea | | |
| 19. Robert Q. Williams | Yea | | |
| 20. Wm. Weston J. Newton | Yea | | |

XI. The Committee further discussed organizational matters, including a completion date goal for the legislative oversight studies and investigations.

Chairman Newton suggested a completion date goal for the legislative oversight studies and investigations scheduled in 2015 as December 31, 2015, with briefings to be provided the first week of the legislative session in 2016. Representative Finlay made a motion to approve the suggestion of Chairman Newton by acclamation. Representative Norman seconded this motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

| Rep. Finlay’s Motion to set the completion date for legislative oversight studies and investigations scheduled in 2015 as December 31, 2015, with briefings to be provided the first week of the legislative session in 2016 | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nathan Ballentine | Yea | | |
| 2. William K. “Bill” Bowers | Yea | | |
| 3. Gary E. Clary | Yea | | |
| 4. Raye Felder | Yea | | |
| 5. Kirkman Finlay, III | Yea | | |
| 6. Laurie Slade Funderburk | Yea | | |
| 7. Phyllis Henderson | | | (Not Present) |
| 8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 9. Mia S. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 10. Walton J. McLeod | Yea | | |
| 11. Ralph W. Norman | Yea | | |
| 12. Joshua A. Putnam | Yea | | |
| 13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III | Yea | | |
| 14. Samuel Rivers, Jr. | Yea | | |
| 15. James E. Smith, Jr. | | | (Not Present) |
| 16. Tommy M. Stringer | Yea | | |
| 17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon | Yea | | |
| 18. Bill Taylor | Yea | | |
| 19. Robert Q. Williams | Yea | | |
| 20. Wm. Weston J. Newton | Yea | | |

XII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.